

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JULY 26, 2004

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:37 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding (arrived at 7:45) and Schaefer.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of July 12, 2004 as presented.

So passed. Mr. Haddad and Mr. Schaefer abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Katherine Paulhus, Middle Turnpike, expressed her concern over the proposed fees for the Mansfield Community Center. She suggested that the one adult household with children was too high.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

## 1. University Spring Weekend

Assistant Town Manager, Matt Hart, discussed his memo of July 22, 2004 A summary report, on issues surrounding the Spring weekend events at the University of Connecticut. The Council members asked about terminology, i.e. what does "probation" mean. The Town Manager will download the student code for all council members.

## 2. Mansfield Community Center Fee Schedule

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective July 28, 2004, to approve the Mansfield Community Center Fee Schedule dated July 21, 2004, which schedule shall be effective August 23, 2004.

After much discussion with the Director of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Curt Vincente, the decision was made to change the category for one single household at \$290 and each child under 14 in that household \$25.00.

Motion so passed. Ms. Blair and Mr. Haddad voted against.

Mr. Vincente reminded members that this was for new members only, with the exception of a member who now falls into this category.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective July 28, 2004, to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 from the town's General Fund to

subsidize the operations of the teen center at the Mansfield Community Center for fiscal year 2004/05.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Presentation on Freddie Mac Early Childhood Initiative

Ms. Julie Bosland, Director of National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families, spoke on the Freddie Mac Early Childhood Initiative.

No action was needed by the Council.

4. Presentation on Fire and Emergency Services Consolidation

Mr. David Dagon, Emergency Services Administrator, updated the Town Council on the status of the Emergency Services Operations and Management Improvement Project. The presentation included the potential consolidation of the two volunteer fire departments. Mr. Dagon also gave the Council members the form to provide any ideas, suggestions or concerns related to the fire and emergency services consolidation project. All feedback/input provided on these forms will be reviewed by the Emergency Services Management Team. This process will include an ordinance, which will establish a municipal department of fire and emergency services and will create the position of fire chief.

The Council needed no action.

5. Mansfield-Coventry Data Processing Agreement

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that retroactive to July 1, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed Mansfield-Coventry Data Processing Agreement for a term to run from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

So passed unanimously.

6. Agreement for Professional Services-Deputy Building Official

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective July 26, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed Agreement for Professional Services-Deputy Building Official, with the Town of Tolland for a term to expire on June 30, 2007.

So passed unanimously.

7. Grant Application to Small Town Economic Assistance Program

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to authorize the Town Manager to send to the Office of Policy and Management a grant application

for a Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) for \$500,000.

So passed unanimously.

8. August 2004 Town Council Meetings

By consensus the Town Council agreed to cancel the August 23, 2004 meeting.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Bruce Clouette reported that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Town Council the "Committee on Community Quality" has met and has proceeded to list areas of concern and positive suggestions for the Town and University.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Al Hawkins presented the Council members with a copy of "A Call for Action" the Blue Ribbon Report on Preserving and Improving the Future of the Volunteer Fire Service.

The Mayor announced that there would be a volunteer Service award ceremony by the Secretary of the State on September 9, 2004 to honor the firemen in our region.

IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Manager handed out a letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the Connecticut Siting Council regarding the proposed telecommunication facilities in Ashford.

The Town Manager handed out the Notice of scooping for proposed new hazardous waste storage facility to be located at the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus. The Meeting will be on August 20, 2004.

The building permits have been pulled for the new cinema theatres at the Eastbrook Mall. Hopefully they will be completed by the Holidays.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Matt Hart re: Amendments to Regulations for Mapping Wells in Stratified Drift Aquifers
10. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection-Aquifer Mapping Regulations

11.The Daily Campus-“UConn Adopts New Environmental Policy”

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 p.m. Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk